

**SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Sir:

In further response to the final Office Action of August 11, 2003, entry of the present amendment to place the application into condition for allowance or remove issues from appeal, if required, is respectfully requested. Also provided herewith is a copy of an Amendment after Final Rejection filed December 29, 2003, to ensure coordination of the present amendment. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 16 of this paper.